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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP ON US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) BANGKOK 28775; B) STATE 303985

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON PRANOM KONGSAMUT, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ASEAN AFFAIRS AT MFA FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION F ASEAN MATTERS. PRANOM VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE, INITIALLY SCHEDULED FOR MID-JANUARY IN BANGKOK, HAD BEEN POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY. NO FIXED DATE HAS YET BEEN SET. HE ANTICIPATED STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD DISCUSS RESPONSE TO US PAER CONTAINING US IDEAS ON NEXT STEP IN US RELATIONS WITH ASEAN (REFTEL A). RESPONSE WOULD DEAL PRIMARILY WITH ITEMS UNDER "DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION", I.E. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, EDUCATION, ENERGY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING. THESE  
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AREAS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO VARIOUS ASEAN SUB-COMMITTEES FOR STUDY. PRANOM PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH RTG VIEWS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY STANDING COMMITTEE SESSION.

2. WE DESCRIBED CONTENTS OF US NOTE TO PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ON PROPOSED US GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR ASEAN TRADE FAIR AND STEPS US PREPARED TO TAKE IN PUBLICIZING FAIR WITH US PRIVATE

SECTOR INCLUDING PROSPECT OF TRADE IMISSIONS (REFTEL B).  
PRANOM'S RESPONSE WAS MUTED AND IN KEEPING WITH PREVIOUS VIEW  
EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 REFTEL A. RTG PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN  
FORMALIZED BUT HE EXPECTED THEIR PARTICIPATION LIKELY TO BE  
IN FIELD OF EQUIPMENT AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS RATHER THAN  
AGRICULTURAL ITEMS WHICH OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD DISPLAY.

3. WE RAISED STATUS OF UNDP/ESCAP COOPERATION WITH ASEAN  
AND THE INTER-COUNTRY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED AND PRE-  
PARED IN JULY 1976 TO COVER PERIOD FROM 1977-81. PRANOM SAID  
A CONSULTATIVE REVIEW WAS HELD IN DECEMBER 1977 TO REACH  
DECISIONS ON WHICH PROJECTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN DURING 1978  
SINCE UNDP FUNDING WAS ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS. (EMBASSY WILL  
SUBMIT FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS AFTER DISCUSSION WITH UNDP/ESCAP).

4. ON ASEAN/EC RELATIONS, PRANOM OBSERVED THAT FURTHER CON-  
SULTATIONS WERE SOME DISTANCE AWAY. THE IDEA OF AN ASEAN/EC  
MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS FIRST BROACHED IN A VISIT BY THE  
GERMAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND HE CONSIDERED THE FOLLOW-UP  
BY HAERKAMP PURELY AN OFFER AND NOT A FIRM PROPOSAL.

5. PRANOM INQUIRED IF THE US POSITION ON TAX DEFERRAL HAD BEEN  
CLARIFIED AND COMPLAINED THAT ASEAN HAD HELD OVER 400 MEETINGS  
LAST YEAR. WE EXPLAINED THAT TAX LEGISLATION WAS STILL PENDING  
AND SYMPATHIZED WITH HIS LATTER PROBLEM.

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